

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-NOVEMBER 8,2004

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:35 p.m in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

Absent: Haddad

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of October 25,2004 with one correction On Page 9 of the packet, under future agendas Pg. 85 was changed to Pg. 63.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- No comments from the public.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill, Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

No action necessary. The packet contains ongoing information. The University is still waiting for the next approval step.

2. University Spring Weekend and Campus/Community Relations

Will discuss under reports of Council Committees.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Acceptance of Max Felix Drive

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective November 8, 2004, to refer the acceptance of Max Felix Drive to staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and comment.

So passed unanimously.

4. Code Enforcement Relocation Plan

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective November 8, 2004, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on November 22, 2004, to solicit public comment regarding the revised Code Enforcement Relocation Plan.

So passed unanimously.

#### 5. 2005 Child Daycare Contract Application

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Mansfield with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care program for the Mansfield Discovery Depot, and to affix the corporate seal of the Town.

So passed unanimously.

#### 6. Social Services Block Grant Application

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective November 8, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application to the US Department of Health and Human Services for a Social Services Block Grant in the amount of \$3,565.

So passed unanimously.

#### 7. Request from Cambridge, Massachusetts re: Casualties from the War in Iraq

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded that at each meeting of the Mansfield Town Council, after the approval of the minutes and before the public address the Council, each Council member read the names of five Americans killed in Iraq since April 2003, these names to be from the military, from ngo's, and from contracting companies. These names to be in alphabetical order, and only the name, and the hometown and state or Territory, to be read.

Further, that there may be a minute of silence after the readings.

Purpose: Clearly, to honor these men and women, and to remind ourselves and those listening of that honor.

Also: Hearing these names aloud will, I hope, remind us of something too little recognized: "That the strength of this country lies to a very large extent in its diversity: in the diversity of nationalities of beliefs, of ethnicities, of cultures, of languages, of foods, of customs, of everything: a diversity easily discovered by merely reading any group of names from any telephone book, and a diversity which, taken together, has almost magically (and paradoxically) formed a united country.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to table. Mr. Schaefer seconded.

So passed.

Mr. Clouette moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Mansfield Town Council expresses the gratitude of the community to our friends and neighbors who are veterans and all veterans and that the Council intends to do everything in its power to assure that society's obligations to those veterans are met.

Seconded by Mr. Schaefer.

Motion so passed unanimously.

#### VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Ms. Koehn asked for further information on the statement in the Report from the Housing Authority regarding the "the number of vacancies at Holinko Estates is double the normal average." The Town Manager will ask for further information.

#### VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Clouette reported on the Committee on the Quality of Life. The Committee has met twice. They are trying to finalize a report back to the Council. Question being asked is: what are the legal powers of the town?

Mr. Clouette reported on the Town/Gown Meeting. At that meeting the Mayor gave a statement and the new Dean presented some directions she might like to pursue. The Town/Gown will be meeting tomorrow. The Mayor and Dean of Students, Julie Bell-Elkins are now chairing a committee, which is a sub committee of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Committee. This will focus on the issues mainly involving students and the off-campus parties and underage drinking situation.

The issue is not just a University problem, but must be addressed by all entities including the town, landowners, and tenants, which includes the Housing Authority.

#### VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Blair commented on the wonderful activities on a farm in Mansfield. She assisted in harvesting a potato crop and hoped that the town can continue to support farming in Mansfield.

Ms. Koehn spoke on the Sustainable Design Program, which was held recently. Mr. Paulhus, Council Member and Mr. Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager were present. She urged a committee be established to look at sustainability issues.

Mr. Paulhus announced that the Community Center held a very nice Trick or Treat program on Saturday. Over 100 persons addressed in costume attended.

#### IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Downtown Partnership will be making a presentation on how the Downtown project will look. The meeting will be held at EOSmith at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday

night November 10.

The Town Manager discussed concerns regarding the Probate System. The State Probate Judicial System is having a financial situation, and will most probably urge probate courts to consolidate.

The Town Council will be having a special meeting in December from 6:30-9:00. Town Council members are to respond to the Town Manager as to availability.

Information on flu shots are on the website.

At the last meeting Betty Wasmundt inquired as to what people can do to keep bittersweet under control. At present there is a consultant working with the Parks Advisory Committee on recommendations. When the report is completed it can be placed on the website.

## X. FUTURE AGENDAS

### XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. CCM Candidate Bulletin-"Early Childhood Education: Improving the Quality of Life in our Towns and Cities"

9. CCM Candidate Bulletin-"Keep Working Farms in Connecticut"

10. CCM Candidate Bulletin-"State Mandates on Towns and Cities"

11. Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority re:Status Report

12. Connecticut Department of Public Health re: Estimated Populations in Connecticut as July 1, 2003

13. C.van Zelm re: September 30, 2004 Progress Report

14. Mansfield Downtown Partnership re: November 10, 2004 Presentation

15. M. Berliner re: Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project

16. G. Padick re: Draft municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Permitting Process

17. Connecticut Department of Corrections re: Capacity and Population at Bergin Correctional Institute

18. S. and M. Shifrin re: Kirby Mill

19. Mansfield Planning Office re: UConn Students Enrolled at Storrs Campus 1985-2004

20. Kerrigan v. State of Connecticut, et al

### XII. EXECUTIVE SISSION

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn for a few minutes and then go into Executive session with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager on a Personnel Matter. 8:32 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved to go back into regular session.  
Seconded by Mr. Hawkins.

So passed unanimously.

### XIII ADJOURNMENT

At 8:51 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting. So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk